



RESOLUTION 2012-1

Whereas in 2007 and 2009, residents of the Chehalis Basin suffered two floods of enormous proportions that swept away their homes, businesses and property and created terrible hardship for communities and families, and

Whereas, during each flood, Governor Gregoire tirelessly devoted her time, energy and the resources of her administration to assist all those who had been harmed, personally visiting many businesses and families, sharing their sorrow and their determination to rebuild their lives and their communities, and

Whereas, Governor Gregoire brought all her resources to bear to make sure the Federal Emergency Management Administration kept their commitments to help the people of the Chehalis Basin, and

Whereas, after the 2007 flood, Governor Gregoire made a commitment to the citizens of the Chehalis Basin that she and her administration would accept nothing less than a basin wide solution to flooding, a commitment from which she has never wavered, and

Whereas, in 2008, Governor Gregoire championed legislation that created the Flood Authority, funded its operation and set aside \$50 million to match federal funding for flood prevention and mitigation, and

Whereas, Governor Gregoire continues to devote the resources of her administration to develop a plan for flood prevention and mitigation in the Basin, including her dedication of a point person -- Keith Phillips from her executive policy office -- to provide critical support to the Flood Authority, and

Whereas, with the assistance of Governor Gregoire and her administration, the Flood Authority has produced a significant body of work that includes an early warning system for floods and critical research which will provide the foundation for a flood prevention and mitigation plan that will protect future generations from the terrible damage and loss caused by floods,

Now, therefore be it resolved on this ____ day of _____ that the Flood Authority expresses our deep appreciation and gratitude to Governor Gregoire for her heartfelt support of the citizens and families of the Chehalis Basin.